

## QUESTIONS FOR JURY TO DECIDE

Did Engineer Powell's Orders Correspond with Those of Conductor Cowan on Morning of Wreck?

MANY POINTS YET  
TO BE CLEARED UP

Fateful Order Not Turned Over to County Attorney but to Railway Officials; Much Room for Speculation

(By GEORGE H. WYATT.)  
(Daily Express Reporter.)

Did the running orders received by Powell, engineer of ill-fated train No. 11, correspond with the orders given Conductor Cowan of that train at 12:35 or 12:40 o'clock Tuesday morning? And if so, did Fireman Arnold see those orders?

These are questions the coroner's jury, when its members again assemble on November 4, may be called upon to determine.

In his evidence before the coroner's jury Wednesday afternoon, Conductor Cowan said their orders were identical, that he read them and handed them to Powell and that Powell showed them to his fireman.

Did he show these orders to the fireman? This develops a third question which the jury may have to determine.

Cowan says he did, but Cowan, the physician says, is in a bad way, a nervous wreck, hanging upon the verge of mental breakdown.

Powell lies in the Chickasha hospital hovering between life and death, regaining consciousness for the moment only to lapse again into a state bordering upon complete coma.

Bruce Cobb Arnold lies beneath the sod of his native state, a crushed and mangled corpse. Arnold will never tell whether or not he read those fateful orders and after having read them sat calmly and supinely on the left side of his engine, and without a word of protest suffered it to catapult him into the arms of death.

"Billy" Powell lies at death's door, bones of a crushed skull lifted from a pressure upon the tissues of his brain after that pressure had been endured for hours. Medical authority says that should Powell ultimately recover, growing strong and vigorous physically, as a sequence to the nature of his injury he may never again be normal mentally.

Will Powell, if he again becomes strong physically, ever become in such mental condition that he will remember whether or not his orders read "Wait at Agawam for train No. 98, 1:15; at Rush Springs, 1:25."

And will his mental condition ever become so he can say positively—"Bruce Cobb Arnold read those orders as well as did I myself?"

Conductor Cowan says that Arnold read the orders—and Conductor Cowan says that he (Cowan) failed to inform his brakeman and his porter, the men upon whom the duty of opening and closing the switches at Agawam and protecting their train front and rear would have devolved, had the orders been obeyed, the orders which he says Powell and Arnold both read and which he stated corresponded with the orders he himself received.

Powell's orders are said to have been in his jumper pocket when he was stripped and placed upon the operating table at the hospital.

County Attorney Venable states he asked for those orders in his official capacity, in order that he might introduce them in evidence before the coroner's jury, that he might mark them "Exhibit" so-and-so, and that they might be made a part of the record of the coroner's inquiry. And County Attorney Venable states that upon his asking for those orders—for the orders which Billy Powell carried in his pocket when he hurled his engine, head-on into Stapleton's engine, half mile beyond the point of first "waiting"—he was told that they had been turned over to the railway officials.

"Billy" Powell, railway men say, was known as one of the most careful and efficient engineers in the service

of the Rock Island railway. The company had confidence in him, as evidenced by the fact that it daily entrusted him with a part of its most important passenger traffic.

"Billy" Powell now lies close upon the brink of the chill rushing waters. He has a fighting chance, no more, the doctors say, for his life. "Billy" Powell's skull was crushed at 1:10 o'clock Tuesday morning, according to the evidence deduced thus far at the coroner's hearing in showing the exact time trains No. 11 and No. 98 came together. It was at least 8:30 o'clock before the memory-killing pressure of the shattered parts was lifted and the cerebral destruction relieved, say the doctors.

So the jury will have these momentous questions to decide: Did Powell's running orders correspond (Continued on Page Three.)

## FEDERAL PROBE IS TO START

Representatives of the Interstate Commerce Commission will meet with officials of the C. R. I. & P. railway in El Reno Monday morning and take up an official investigation of the Agawam collision of Tuesday morning, the collision wherein seven men lost their lives and a number were injured.

B. S. Robertson and A. R. Layman, both of Washington, D. C., and inspectors for the commission, were in Chickasha this morning, returning from a trip of personal inspection to the scene of the wreck. Each of them is an old railroad man, one having run for seven years as an engineer and the other for a number of years as a conductor.

It is alleged that these inspectors, while saying nothing of the manner in which the trains of the Rock Island railroad were handled on the night of the wreck, have spoken in terms decidedly condemnatory of the Agawam curve. This curve, the inspectors are alleged to have stated to an official of this county, is one of the most dangerous curves to be found upon any road in this country. They stated, so it has been alleged, that the money which the Agawam wreck will cost the Rock Island, through loss to equipment alone, would have paid for straightening the track for approximately ten miles.

## PRESIDENT SOUGHT TO SAVE NURSE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—That President Wilson personally directed the unsuccessful efforts made by the United States to save the life of Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was executed at Brussels, was indicated today when Secretary Lansing sent to the president a letter telling him of the report from Ambassador Gerard regarding Jeanne de Belleville and Madame Huilliez, Belgian women, whom the Kaiser pardoned.

Secretary Lansing, in his letter to Wilson, refers to the "great interest" which he knows the president has taken in the cases. It is believed that the administration is somewhat rattled over the manner in which the German authorities at Brussels ignored the good offices of Minister Whitlock.

## ADDITION FOR BAKERY BUILT

Clark Rutherford, the owner, has today completed a large addition to the rear of the building occupied by Mrs. M. B. Roddy as a bakery and confectionery store. The addition will be used exclusively for the oven and workshop connected with the bakery. The main portion of the new structure is 25x25 feet, while attached to it on the extreme rear is the oven which is 10x12 feet, inside measurement, all brick construction. The work room is provided with a concrete floor, and the entire shop when complete, will be a model of sanitation and convenience.

## MAKE BIG MAN HUNT ON BORDER

Secret Service and Soldiers Join in Scouring Country for Bandits; Wild Rumors Circulated; Villa Involved?

ARMS EMBARGO  
NOW EFFECTIVE

Villa Cut Off from All Military Supplies from Outside; Carranza Gets Two Aeroplanes With Flyer from Dallas

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—A man hunt of immense proportions is impending on the Mexican border, where United States soldiers and secret service men are scouring the country for the outlaws who have been active in recent raids.

Steps to check the raiders are now under the personal supervision of President Wilson. He has given Secretary Garrison and Attorney General Gregory authority to resort to drastic measures.

The wildest rumors are in circulation concerning the inception of the raids on Americana. One report says Villa is instigating the attacks in reprisal for the recognition of Carranza and in the hope of forcing intervention.

Another report says Villa has obtained new financial backing to aid him in prosecuting further revolt and another report says Felix Diaz is fomenting a new revolution with the cooperation of Zapata.

The reinforcements ordered from Dallas are due to reach Harlingen late today. Shifts of other troops in the Brownsville district are also contemplated.

Infantry Leave Dallas.

DALLAS, Oct. 23.—The twenty-eight United States infantry which was ordered from Dallas to Harlingen, left over the Houston & Texas Central line this morning for Houston, where the troops will transfer for the Brownsville district, arriving there late tomorrow.

Enforce Embargo.

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 23.—The embargo against shipments in and out of northern Mexico is in complete effect. All sources of revenue as well as military supplies are not cut off from Villa.

The rumor that Felix Diaz is leading a force of forty thousand Zapatistas against Mexico City is unconfirmed.

Flying Corps for Carranza.

DALLAS, Oct. 23.—Lester Miller, head of the local aviation school, leaves today for Tampico, Mexico, with two military aeroplanes which were built in New York for the Carranza army.

The planes are of the same type as those manufactured for the European nations, each carrying a machine gun. Miller and another aviator who is already there have been engaged in instructing the newly organized Carranza flying corps.

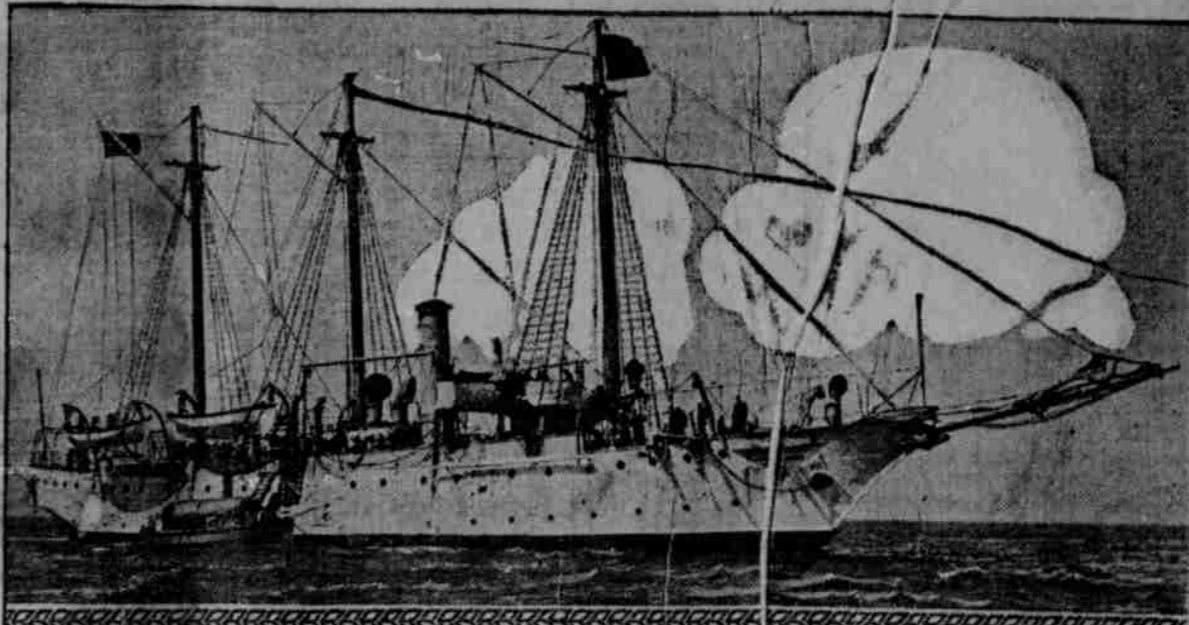
Citizens in Mass Meeting.

BROWNSVILLE, Oct. 23.—A mass meeting of citizens was held this afternoon to consider some action to clear the county of bandits. Men are quitting their business and preparing to fight.

MAYOR LINDSLEY IS  
EAGER TO FLY.

By United Press.  
DALLAS, Oct. 23.—Mayor Lindsley will seek a legal opinion as to whether the city commissioners, who passed a resolution to that effect, can prevent him from flying with Art Smith, the aviator who is giving exhibitions at the State Fair.

## GUNBOAT PRINCETON, SUNK, SAVED AND HOME AGAIN



United States gunboat Princeton photographed as she appeared recently in San Francisco bay flying her home going pennant. A year ago the Princeton ran on to an uncharted coral reef off Samoa and sank. She was pumped out by her own crew and the hole in her hull patched, and she is home again after an absence of five years.

## CHICKASHA DEFEATED BY NORMAN

In sadness and sorrow, with bruises, mauls, and with feelings quite sore, Our brave football scalpers returned from the fray— Creeping in silence to the still waiting hay, Back from defeat, without saying a thing, Uttering no shouts to make welkins ring, With a dearth of drum's beat, or of horn sweetly tooted In sadness and gloom to the hay each brave scooted.

That is to say, the Chickasha football warriors went to Norman to scalp the braves of that town and returned to Chickasha last evening leaving their own scalps drying on the tot'em poles of the enemy.

In a smother of dust and scrambled legs the Chickasha lads lost their first game for the season by a score of 18 to 7. And they lost it honestly and after a hard battle. They brought back no sore spots other than those caused by the boys of the opposition having walked about on their anatomies.

Norman has been defeated by Cherokee and Chickasha has yet to play the latter team, but the lads are confident that they will win that game. They aver that when Cherokee played Norman, Norman did not have its full strength represented, playing several substitutes, whereas in the game with the Chickasha boys, Norman had her strongest men in the line-up.

"We are going to play Mangum next Friday," said one of the Chickasha boys this morning, "and we are going to beat the everlasting stuffing out of that team. We are going to play the Cherokee boys on November 12, and we're going to give 'em the whaling of their lives. We are going to win the championship, too. Why, man alive, look at our record up-to-date—four games won, one game tied and one lost. Sure! we will be the conquering heroes."

The line-up was:  
Norman—Blackart, left end; Capshaw, left tackle; Goode, left guard; D. Foster, center; Walls, right guard; Gray, right tackle; G. Abbott, right end; R. Foster, quarterback; W. Howard, right halfback; W. Abbott, left halfback; Davis, fullback; substitutes, McCall for D. Foster; Montgomery for W. Abbott; Capshaw for W. Howard; D. Foster for Capshaw; Endicott for R. Foster; McDaniel for Davis; Chickasha—J. Hill, left end; W. Griffin, left tackle; A. Griffin, left guard; Riddis, center; Collier, right guard; Shook, right tackle; Wilson, right end; Lester, quarterback; Poole, right halfback; H. Hill, left halfback; Goetting, fullback; substitutes, Garnet for H. Hill.  
Time of quarters, twelve and a half minutes.

POWELL SLIGHTLY IMPROVED.

Telephonic reports from the Chickasha hospital, state that the condition of Engineer William Powell, injured in the Agawam wreck Tuesday morning, is slightly improved. The information states that Mr. Powell remains unconscious and that he has never, since

## BOMBARD COAST OF BULGARIA

British and Russian Fleets Busy in Black Sea; Roumania Names Conditions of Entering War; Serb Capital Moved

By United Press.  
LONDON, Oct. 23.—A report issued by the admiralty today says the British and Russian fleets in the Aegean Sea bombarded the Bulgarian coast. It is stated that the military positions, and harbor works at Dedhagates were destroyed.

Claims Damage Small.

By United Press.  
BERLIN, Oct. 23.—The bombardment of the Bulgarian seaport of Dedhagates on the Aegean sea did little damage, according to reports received here.

Report is Denied.

By United Press.  
ATHENS, Oct. 23.—The report that Greece is negotiating with for an understanding with Bulgaria was officially denied here today.

Food Riots in Germany.

By United Press.  
LONDON, Oct. 23.—Food riots in many places in Germany are declared here to have been responsible for the decision of the German federal council to regulate food distribution and prices.

Information which, it is claimed, was received from German sources, says that crowds gather daily around barracks to get belongings from the soldiers' tables.

Rumania's Price.

By United Press.  
ROME, Oct. 23.—According to dispatches received here, Roumania wants the allies to send four hundred thousand troops to the Balkans as condition for her entrance into the war.

Reports say Roumania wants all these troops in order that she may concentrate her efforts against Austria without fear of attack by Bulgarians.

According to a dispatch from Bucharest, the French and British are inclined to accept the Roumanian offer.

Serbs Move Capital.

By United Press.  
BERLIN, Oct. 23.—A Bucharest dispatch says the Serbian capital has been transferred from Nish to Kraljevi, a small town in northwestern Serbia, off the railroad.

Kaiser Confers Cross.

By United Press.  
BERLIN, Oct. 23.—The Kaiser has conferred the Iron cross on Oskar Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

Luxemburg Cabinet Quits.

By United Press.  
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 23.—The Cologne Gazette is authority for the report that the entire Luxemburg cabinet resigned following a disagreement with the grand duchess.

The time of the accident been in a better than a semi-conscious condition.

## TEMPLARS HOLD DIST. CONCLAVE

The tri-annual conclave of the Oklahoma Grand Commandery, Knights Templar for this district, will be held at the Temple of DeMolay Commandery No. 7, Chickasha, Monday, October 25, pursuant to a call from Grand Commander James A. Scott of Muskogee.

The commanderies which will participate in the conclave will be DeMolay No. 7, Chickasha; Lawton, No. 18; Chickasaw No. 5, Purcell.

Prominent Sir Knights are expected to be present who will address those assembled in conclave. An elaborate program has been arranged which will include the conferring of Red Cross and Temple degrees, followed by a sumptuous spread at the Royal hotel. The exercises of the occasion will close with addresses from visiting brothers during a pleasant social hour.

A. E. McKenzie, E. Hamilton and W. R. Bowman compose the committee on arrangements.

## BROTHER OF KETTLE ARRIVES

C. J. Kettle, a brother of H. C. Kettle, one of the victims of Tuesday morning's wreck at Agawam on the Rock Island, arrived in Chickasha this morning from his home in Independence, Mo., and will leave tonight on the Firefly with the body of his brother for the Missouri city.

H. C. Kettle, the dead man, was about twenty-two years old and was one of a family of six boys and three girls. Five of the brothers and two of the sisters survive him, as does his mother, Mrs. A. W. Kettle.

According to the statement given out by the brother, the dead man left the family home in Independence a little over four weeks ago, hunting work. He was not a skilled workman, but dependant upon ordinary lines of employment for his living. Since his departure from home the family only heard from him once, receiving a postcard undated, mailed from somewhere in Kansas.

Claycomb & Anderson have embalmed the remains and will place them upon the northbound Rock Island this evening, en route to his old home for interment.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Local Temperature.

During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock a. m.:  
Maximum 80  
Minimum 46

## CONTRACT LET FOR BUILDING

Doughty-McDonald Company Will Erect New Home for Wholesale Grocery House on Fifth and Choctaw

PLAN 17,000 FT.  
OF FLOOR SPACE

Will Be 75 by 150 Feet, One Story Brick with Basement; Coffman is Contractor; Start November 1

The Doughty-McDonald company, wholesale grocers, yesterday awarded the contract for the erection of large building which will become the home of their business. The rapidly increased volume of business which has come to this establishment since it went into business in Chickasha made the step necessary, the present quarters at Third street and Choctaw avenue having become inadequate to meet the needs of the company.

The new wholesale building will be located on the north side of Choctaw avenue, on the corner of Fifth street. It will be of brick construction, fronting 75 feet on Choctaw avenue and running back to a depth of 150 feet on Fifth street. A basement will be constructed under the building and decks will be erected around the sides of the store and warerom proper. A total of a trifle over 17,000 square feet of floor space will thereby be acquired.

Excellent shipping facilities will be at hand, the industrial spur of the C. R. I. & P. railway passing immediately to the rear of the building.

The contract has been awarded to O. Coffman, who will begin the work of construction on the first of November. The contract calls for completion by the thirty-first of December, and the specifications provide for a modern building throughout. The interior will be arranged in such a manner that all merchandise may be stored and handled in a safe and expeditious manner, while fire will be doubly safeguarded by the installation of a modern sprinkling system.

The Doughty-McDonald company has been in the wholesale grocery business in Chickasha for three years, coming here from Weatherford, Texas, and buying out the branch house at this point of the Waples-Platter company.

In speaking of the manner in which the business has increased in volume during the comparatively short time the company has been in Chickasha, Mr. Lloyd Doughty, secretary-treasurer, said that it had practically tripled. Mr. Doughty stated that the house employs four men on the road as traveling representatives who cover and recover the territory tapped by the business. This territory extends from Chickasha in every direction. To the northward the Doughty-McDonald company reaches El Reno; to the east it goes as far as Plankton, on the Oklahoma Central division of the Santa Fe; to the west it sells goods as far as Hobart and Lawton; to the south its traveling men take in everything as far as the Oklahoma-Texas state line.

Sixteen people are employed by this house and everything is carried on with a "do-it-now" vigor which has made the success of the business the possibility which has resulted in the reality.

The officers of the Doughty-McDonald company are J. S. McDonald, Chickasha, president; J. D. Doughty, Weatherford, vice-president; Lloyd Doughty, Chickasha, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the company express themselves as being highly pleased with the present conditions as they find them. Crop outlooks seem good, they say, and that which counts above all else in helping the wheels of business to revolve, collections are well up to the average.

The fall season, the members of the company state, is about twenty days behind schedule, but the cotton is now beginning to move, and the effects of the additional trade, coming in from that source and cause, is becoming most appreciable.